



2011 PUBLIC DUCK and GOOSE HUNTING AREA PERMIT

Instructions for applying on-line at
www.dnr.illinois.gov/duck or www.dnr.illinois.gov/goose

APPLICATION DATES

Internet applications from residents will be accepted August 16-30 for the first lottery. The second lottery deadline is September 13 for those unsuccessful resident applicants from the first lottery, residents that did not apply in the first lottery and non-residents. The third lottery deadline is September 27 for anyone to apply for either their first or second permit. There will be a phone-in period beginning October 4 where anyone may call 217-524-6514 (8:30 A.M. - 4:30 P.M., Monday through Friday) to apply for up to three more permits for those who have already received two permits, or four more permits for those who have received one permit, and five permits for those who have not received any permits. A total of five duck and five goose permits may be issued, subject to availability.

APPLICATION INFORMATION

- All initial applications for the Public Duck and Goose Hunting Area Permit program must be made via the internet, free of charge, accessible at www.dnr.illinois.gov/duck or www.dnr.illinois.gov/goose. If you do not have a computer, see if a relative, friend or neighbor has one for you to use, or go to a Public Library.

Duck application: You have 5 hunt area choices with 5 dates per hunt area. You may select the same area more than once to increase your date choices.

Goose application: Since there is only one goose area, you may have up to 25 date choices.

- Hunters under the age of 16 may apply for and receive a permit as long as they will be 16 by the day of the hunt. They must be at least 16 years of age at the time of the hunt for the permit to be valid to draw a pit, blind or staked site/area.
- Hunters applying for permits should understand that travel and transporting of all hunting equipment from designated parking areas to hunting locations and back may require walking a considerable distance.
- Submitting more applications than permits allowed in the lotteries will result in the rejection of all applications and/or revocation of permits.
- Successful applicants will not be mailed a permit but will be notified by email or can access the reservation inquiry system and print out the permit and regulations for the site. Persons receiving permits via phone will be told how to access the online reservation inquiry system and print out their permit and regulations. Phone reservations will be issued up to 48 hours ahead of the date of the hunt.
- Permits are not transferable.

Please call 217-782-7305 if you have any questions. IDNR information is available to the hearing impaired by calling DNR's TTY: 217-782-9175.

HOW TO FIX YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION ERRORS:

If you (1) made a mistake on any portion of your application (DO NOT REAPPLY), (2) mistakenly applied twice or (3) need to cancel an application please notify us as soon as possible – there are two ways to do this:

1. Email us at DNR.Permits1@illinois.gov – you will need to include your name, birthdate and a detailed explanation of what needs to be changed (example: please change my Hunt Area Choice from Union Co. to Horseshoe Lake).
2. Fax us at 217-782-5016 – on the receipt you printed out simply cross out the incorrect information and write the correct information next to it. Sign the receipt and fax it to us – Attn: Permit Dept. No cover sheet is needed.

2011 PUBLIC DUCK and GOOSE PERMIT AREAS AND HUNTING INFORMATION

Season dates will be announced early August.

DUCK AREAS www.dnr.illinois.gov/duck

- **Banner Marsh F&WA** (Fulton County)
5 mi. east of Banner on Rt. 24
- **Banner Marsh F&WA Disabled**¹
- **Double T SF&WA** (Fulton County)
9 mi. west of Canton, turn right on Co.Rd. 22H
Open every Wednesday, Saturday and Sunday.
- **Marshall SF&WA Duck Ranch Unit** (Marshall/Putnam Counties)
East side of Illinois River, east and south of Henry and Rt. 18.
Open every Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday.
- **Rice Lake SF&WA Walk-In Units** (Fulton County)
3 mi. south of Banner on Rt. 24
- **Sangchris Lake Subimpoundment** (Christian County)
11 mi. southeast of Rochester
Accessible by boat only! 16' boat recommended; 25 HP motor limit.
Sangchris Lake Subimpoundment only, hunting is allowed on opening day, Tuesdays, Sundays (10 a.m. closing on Dec. 4) and the last day of the duck season. (On Thursdays (except closed Dec. 1) blinds will be allocated by a daily drawing at Sangchris Lake.)
- **Spring Lake SF&WA – Spring Lake Bottoms Unit** (Tazewell County)
5 mi. northwest of Manito, Spring Lake SF&WA - Spring Lake Bottoms Unit - hunting is allowed on opening day and every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday during the duck hunting season except the second Sunday in November which is closed due to the Youth Hunt.
- **Union County SF&WA**²
On Rt. 3, 6 mi. south of Ware, turn east 1/4 Mi. at Reynoldsville
- **Union County SF&WA Disabled**^{1, 2}
- **Horseshoe Lake SF&WA**² (Alexander County)
On Rt. 3, 12 mi. northwest of Cairo near Olive Branch, Union County and Horseshoe Lake will be closed Mondays and Tuesdays and December 24 – 28, 2011.
Union County and Horseshoe Lake will be open from the opening of the Southern Zone Duck Season through the Canada Goose Season and on December 28, when the site will be open for a special youth waterfowl hunt.



DUCK PARTNER & FEE INFO

A duck hunting permit holder is allowed to bring three (3) partners except at Rice Lake where a hunter can bring 2 partners and at Horseshoe Lake and Union County where a hunter can only bring one hunting partner and one non-hunting partner or 2 non-hunting partners. The permit holder must be present to hunt for the partners to hunt.

A \$10 daily usage stamp must be purchased at Banner Marsh, Marshall SF&WA Duck Ranch Unit, Sangchris Lake Subimpoundment, Spring Lake - Spring Lake Bottoms Unit, Union County and Horseshoe Lake. (Partners under 16 are free). No fee at Double T and Rice Lake.

GOOSE AREA www.dnr.illinois.gov/goose

- **Snakeden Hollow** (Knox County)
On Rt. 167, 1 mi. east of Victoria
Snakeden Hollow will be closed Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and December 24, 25 and 26.
- **Snakeden Hollow Disabled**¹

GOOSE PARTNER & FEE INFO

A goose hunting permit holder is allowed to bring one partner. The permit holder must be present to hunt for the partner to hunt. A \$15 daily usage stamp must be purchased at Snakeden Hollow. (Partners under 16 are free).

Footnotes for Duck and Goose

¹ One blind will be allocated, each day of the hunting season, to a disabled person. Successful applicants must present a State Disabled person I.D. card showing a P2, P2A, H2 or H2A disability, along with their permit, at the check station when they check in.

² Union County and Horseshoe Lake are now permit duck hunting areas. These areas have consistently been harvesting more ducks than geese during the past several years so they are now considered primarily duck hunting areas. The daily fee will be reduced to \$10 per person and hunters may still take geese in addition to ducks.

LICENSE INFORMATION

You must have a valid Illinois Hunting, Sportsman's or Apprentice License unless you are:

- An Illinois resident who is disabled. A State disabled person I.D. card (available from the Secretary of State through the driver's license examining station) showing a P2, P2A, H2 or H2A disability.
- An Illinois resident on active duty and on leave from the U.S. Armed Forces.
- A disabled veteran. A veteran's disability card (at least 10% service related); available from local Illinois Department of Veterans' Affairs offices.

Hunters born on or after January 1, 1980 must show proof that they have successfully completed the Hunter Safety Training Course provided by the Department.

To obtain information about Hunter Safety Education classes scheduled in your area, call the Safety Education Unit 1-800-832-2599.

ILLINOIS APPRENTICE HUNTER LICENSE

The Apprentice Hunter License allows persons age 17 and under to buy an apprentice license and go hunting with a parent, grandparent or guardian who has a valid Illinois resident or non-resident hunting license. Those 18 and older will be able to buy an apprentice license and go hunting with any family member or friend who is a validly licensed Illinois resident or non-resident hunter who is 21 years of age or older. The Apprentice Hunter License is a one-time, non-renewable license. It is available to residents and non-residents for \$7. This license is valid from the date issued to the following March 31.

WATERFOWL STAMP

Unless exempt, hunters must possess both a Federal and State Migratory waterfowl stamp. Hunters under 16 years of age are not required to have a State or Federal stamp. Habitat Stamps are not required to hunt waterfowl.

Licenses/stamps are available at DNR Direct Automated License System agents, by phone at 1-888-6Permit or www.dnr.illinois.gov.

H.I.P. REGISTRATION

Do you hunt doves, ducks, geese, snipe, woodcock, coots or rails in Illinois? All **licensed** hunters must register with HIP if they intend to hunt migratory birds. It's free and it's easy.

Registration with HIP (National Migratory Bird Harvest Information Program) is required to hunt migratory game birds in Illinois. HIP certifications are available at DNR Direct Automated License System agents, www.dnr.illinois.gov or 1-888-6Permit. Lifetime licenses holders are automatically registered with HIP.



Equal opportunity to participate in programs of the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) and those funded by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and other agencies is available to all individuals regardless of race, sex, national origin, disability, age, religion or other non-merit factors. If you believe you have been discriminated against, contact the funding source's civil rights office and/or the Equal Employment Opportunity Officer, IDNR, One Natural Resources Way, Springfield, IL 62702-1271, 217-785-0067; TTY 217-782-9175. This information may be provided in an alternative format if required. Contact the DNR Clearinghouse at 217-782-7498 for assistance.

This is only a guide to the highlights of the rules and regulations governing turkey hunting. More complete information is available from the Department of Natural Resources Regional Offices, Wildlife Resources, Law Enforcement Office or the Permit Office.

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